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A very large man, a desperate fellow who had often beasted that he could not be whipped, became involved in a quarrel with a contil man. Well, after the fight was

ever, a triend of the decreate man said:
"Why. Abe, he tore you all to pieces"
"Yas."
"Hoppel up the township with you." "That's what."
"Bit off one of your ears." "That's what he done, "Ruined your clother."

"Yat."
"Pulled one of your eyes out." "B'l'eve he did." "Enocked out a couple of teeth." "Reckon you're right."

"He don't weigh 100 pounds, either."
"Don't b'l'eve he does."
"I suppose you hate to be whipped!"
"Oh, no, Bill, I don't mizd bein' whupped ken stand to loose my years on' teeth, but thar's one thing about the effair that makes

"What's that, Abe!" "W'y the surprise o' the thing. I recken I hate stonishment was than any man in the world. Wy I thought I could whale that feller with one hand, but I was never more astonished in my life. W'7, the way that fool feller fit shocked me stonished me, I tell you. Oh, no, I don't mind the whuppin', but, Billy, why didn't he do it gracefully so I woulin't uv icen so s'prised!

I don't like that feller."-Arkansaw Trav-Soldlers in the French Capital.

"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," are cut and stenciled and painted above the doors of churches, wine shops, museums, libraries, theatres and schools, yet it does not seem like liberty to post your letters within ten feet of a bayonet, to enter an art gallery between sentries and to find a squad of infantry at the opera sternly watching your exit as if you had designs on the the building. It perhaps gives confidence to a people to know that it has 500,000 or more of soldiers ready to fight its battles, but what is the use of having soldiers at every corner to prove that they are aliver in the United States, now, we are satisfied to know that we have an army without ever seeing it. Yet the soldier adds to the brilliancy of the Parisian crowd and is probably liked because he is red and blue and has brass buttons. He is inside the theatre as well as outside; you will find him gazing at the pictures and the marbles in the Louvre, Boulevard, attending mass on Sunday morning and going down the river with his girl in the afternoon. He seems to have leisure, and more money than his pay, and after awhile he comes to figure in your mind as an emblem of the amusements of peace rather than the savagery of war. But he may be out for business on one of these fine days, for his defeat by Goths and Vandals of the lands beyoud the Rhine has music a lasting toreness in him and he hankers for revenge.—Paris Cor.

Unreceptive of Outward Impressions. The other day a Herald man get into a Madison street car, and three young ladies who sat opposite where he took his sent sud-denly ceased their chatter and began to look in the most indicrously introspective way. Their big eyes stared straight ahead; they looked hard at The Herald man, yet with not a gleam of intelligence. Puppies of eight weeks, children of three months and semidaft folks often have that kind of stare. The Herald man got nervous, and, when he deccutiy could, pulled a eigar from his pecket and went to the rear seats. "What is that?" he asked of an acquaintance, in petulance, as he flashed a match. "That," said the fly young man, "is what the girls cail the 'baby stare.' Haven't you seen it yet! It is the latest 'fad' out. It takes nerve to do it, but the average girl is schooling herself. Her idea is to open her eyes wide, direct them straight at you, and then look just as unre-ceptive of outward impressions as babies do. It's a great snap, but I don't think it will last. Mighty few girls can continue long enough the look of idiocy known as the 'baby stare'."—Chicago Herald.

Circuses and Their Popularity.

Circuses have their friends, admirers and patrons in certain localities the same as wholesale houses and other business enterprises. This fact is strongly illustrated in the case of P. T. Barnum. This great showman can fill his canvas in the north and east, but whenever heattempts to show in cities south of Mason and Dixon's line he exhibits to empty seats. He has made several efforts to obtain popularity in the south, but has never yet appeared in a town in that section with-out losing money. He has frequently given the southerners the best entertainments that any show in the world could present, but in every instance failed to draw half as large a crowd as inferior circuses do in the same ter-ritory. This year he tried Nashville, Tenn., and Richmond, Va.; as a feeler, to see what could be done in the south, but he lost money and gave up the idea of including the souththe southerners the best entertainments that

HALLUCINATION.

You ask me why I am going to marry? I can scarcely dare to confess to you the strange and inconceivable reason which urges I am going to marry in order not to be

I do not know how to tell it—how to make myself understood. You will pity me and you will despise me when you know in what a wretched state of mind I am.

I do not want to be slone any more—at night. I want to feel some being near me, close to me, a being that can speak, say something, no matter what.

I want to be able to rouse that being from sleep, to be able to ask that being any question suddenly—even a stupid question, so that I can feel my dwelling is inhabited—so that I can know that a mind is awake, that a reasoning power is at work—so that, if I sud-denly light my candle, I can see a human face beside me—because—because (how can I dare avow my shame!)—because I am afraid when I am by myself.

Oh! you do not yet comprehend me!

I am not afraid of any danger. If a man were to come in I would kill him without a shudder. I have no fear of ghosts; I do not believe in the supernatural. I am not afraid of the deal; I believe in the total annihilation of every human being that passes

away.
Then! Yes, Then! Well! I am afraid of myself! I am afraid of being afraid; afraid of the mental spasms that are driving me mad; afraid of the horrible sense of incomprehensible terror.

Laugh if you please! It is hideous; it is incurable. I am afraid of the walls, of the furnitare, of familiar objects which seem to me to become animated with a sort of animal life. Above all I am afraid of the horrible confusion of my mind, the confusion of my reason which goes from me, all befogged, dissipated by some mysterious and inexplicable anguish.

First, I feel a vague disquiet that passes into my mind and makes all my flesh creep. I look around me. Nothing! And I feel a need of something. Of what! Something incomprehensible. Then I become afraid, simply because I cannot comprehend my fear. I speak! I am frightened by my own voice, I walk! Then I am frightened by the Un-known which is behind the door, or behind

the curtain, or inside the armoir, or under the bed. And nevertheless I know perfectly well there is really nothing in any of those places, I turn round suddenly because I am afraid I turn round suddenly because I am arraic of what is behind me, although there is really nothing behind me, although I know it!

I become nervous; I feel the scare growing upon me; and I lock myself into my room, and bury myself in my bed, and I hide myself under my bedclothes; and, cowering there, gathering myself up like a ball, I shut my

eyes in desperation, and thus remain for a seemingly infinite length of time, oppressed by the thought that my candle is still burn-ing on the little table beside the bed, and that I should really blow it out. And I dare not! Is it not frightful to be is such a condi-

There was a time when I never felt this way. I used to go home feeling perfectly I went out and came in without any thing to trouble the serenity of my mind. If I had then been told what a stupid and ter-rible disease of fear—of incredible fear would come upon me in after days, I would certainly have laughed. I used to open the doors in the dark with perfect confidence; I used to make my preparations for going to bed quietly, without even bolting myself in, and I never thought of getting up in the mid-dle of the night to see if all the entrances to my room were strongly secured.

The trouble began last year in a singular

weary, unreasonably depressed, incapable of doing any work, lacking even the mental force to read. A fine rain was moistening the window panes; I was melancholy, all per-mented by one of those causeless attacks of despondency which make you feel inclined to cry—which make a man want to talk to somebody or anybody in order to shake off the

weight of one's own fancies I felt lonesome. Never before did my dwelling seem to me so empty. An infinite and heart-sickening solitude surrounded me.
What was I to do! I sat down. Then a neryour impatience seemed to pass into my legs I got up and began to walk again. Perhans I was also a little feverish, for my hands, clasped behind my back, as one's hands often are when one walks about leisurely, seemed to burn one another where they touched, and I noticed it. Then a sudden cold shudder ran down my back. I thought that the outside dampness was entering the room, and the idea occurred to me that it would be well to light a fire. I lit it; it was the first of the year. And I sat down once more, watching the flame. But soon the impossibility of remaining quiet in any one position ferced me to get up again, and I felt that I would have to go out somewhere, to stir myself, to find a

friend.
I went out, First I visited the houses of First I visited the houses of Plantes, lounging through the parks, taking his evening nip at a sidewalk table on the

solved to find some acquaintance or other. It was dismal everywhere. The wet sidewalks were shining. A watery lukewarmness -one of those lukewarmnesses which never theless chill you with sudden thivers, the weighty lukewarmness of impelpable rainseemed to bear down over the whole street and to make the gas jets burn wearily and dim.

I walked along singgishly, saying over and over again to myself: "I won't find anybody

Several times I looked into all the cafes between La Madeleine and the Faubourg Poissonulere. Only miserable-looking people, who did not seem to have even vini enough to finish what they had ordered, were sitting at

the tables. I wandered about in this way for a long time; and about midnight I took my way bome. I was quite calm, but very tired. My concierge, who always goes to bed before 11 o'clock, opened the door for me at once, con-trary to his usual habit; and I thought to myself: "Hello! some other lodger must have just gone up stairs."

Whenever I go out I always double-lock my door. This time I found it simply pulled to, and the fact impressed me. I thought that perhaps some letters might have been brought up stairs during the evening.

up stairs during the evening.

I went in. My fire was still burning, even brightly enough to light up the apartment. I took the candle in order to kindle it at the grate, when, as I looked right before me, I saw some one sitting in my easy chair, with his back turned to me, apparently warming

to whom I had given instructions when I went out, had naturally told the visitor that I would soon be back, and had lent his own key. And then all the other incidents of my return flashed through my mind in a second
-the opening of the door at once, my own door simply pulled to, etc.

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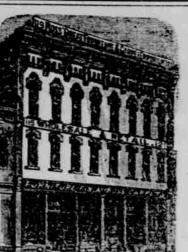
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